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I-94 from Bismarck to Dickinson to close at 7:30 a.m.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the Highway Patrol will be closing **Interstate 94** from Bismarck to Dickinson at 7:30 a.m.

A **No Travel Advisory** remains in effect for the entire **central** and southwest regions of North Dakota and the surrounding areas due to heavy snowfall and low visibility on the roadway. The No Travel Advisory includes **Rolla, Rugby, Minot, Bismarck and Flasher** areas as well as Dickinson, Belfield, Richardton, Bowman, New England, Hettinger, Mott, Killdeer, Beulah Glen Ullin, Center, Underwood and the surrounding areas.

Roads are Closed - when conditions create a life-threatening danger to motorists and the roadway is impassable. It is against the law to drive past a road closure device on a closed road. Motorists should obey road closures, even when a sign or a gate is not present.

No Travel Advisories - are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure. No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For up-to-date road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.511.nd.gov for road and weather conditions.

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